

REMARKS

Claims 33 and 36-39 are allowed.

On June 9, 2004, Applicants' representative Aleksandra Suri and Examiner Shailendra Kumar had a scheduled telephone interview to discuss the patentability of claims 2, 22, 34, and 35. Applicants requested allowance of the above-referenced claims upon modifying their dependency to depend from claim 33. The Examiner stated that claims modified in such manner would be allowable as long as the term "the compound" in claims 2, 22, 34, and 35 was modified to "the benzimidazole compound." The Examiner also requested that the Applicant's representative prepare an interview summary and submit the amended claims for final review. In preparing this response, Applicants note that claim 32 was not discussed; however, Applicants believe that this claim is allowable upon modifying its dependency in accordance with the above-mentioned claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 2, 22, 32, 34, and 35.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the claim amendments, and solicit an allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should any issues remain unresolved.

The time for response was previously extended to May 28, 2004 by payment of a one month extension fee and now further extended to and including July 28, 2004 by the enclosed check in the amount of \$840.00 in payment of the additional two month extension fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of government fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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